62.5% in 1975-79 to 53.4% in 1992-93 among the children of 1-5 years of age.

(c) to (e). The Inter-ministerial Co-ordination Committee in the Department of Women & Child Development monitors the progress of the implementation of National Nutrition Policy periodically. As the National Plan of Action for Nutrition has been formulated, it would be appropriate that the National Nutrition Council meet after some significant achievements are made in the sectoral plans.

Purchase of SUKHOI-30 Fighters from Russia

1331. DR. M. JAGANNATH :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT :
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deal for purchase of SUKHOI-30 Fighters from Russia has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Negotiations have been completed and the contract signed on 30th November, 1996. The contract provides for outright purchase of aircrafts, transfer of technology and subsequent production of the aircraft in the country.

AIDS Control Kits

1332. SHRI CHITTUBHAI GAMIT :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his ministry supply AIDS control kits to voluntary organisations in the country;

(b) if so, the details of criteria fixed in this regard;

(c) the number of NGOs being supplied such kits in each State;

(d) whether the AIDS control kits supplied are sufficient to meet the demand; and

(e) if not, the measures Government have taken or propose to take to meet the demand fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). The National AIDS Control Organisation supply HIV kits for various Centres including a few set-up by voluntary organisations in various States/UTs on the basis of recommendation of their espective State AIDS Programme Officer.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

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1333. SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount sanctioned for the reconstruction of the said highway and the amount spent so far;

(b) the amount sanctioned for the reconstruction of the said highway and the amount spent so far;

(c) the time by which the reconstruction work is likely to be completed; and

(d) the time by which a big bridge is likely to be constructed over Indravati river on this road?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VANKATRAMAN) : (a) 470 Kms.

(b) and (c). Development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and works are sanctioned each year subject to availability of funds. Works amounting to Rs. 10.67 crores have been sanctioned and are at various stages of progress.

(d) The bridge is at investigation stage. It is to early to indicate a timeframe.

Expansion of Kandla Port

1334. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :
SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have prepared a plan for the expansion of Kandla Port and sanctioned 30 jetties in its expansion programme;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that only 8 jetties have been built so far;

(c) the reasons for not taking over the work of remaining jetties; and

(d) the time required for the completion of all the work of jetties?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (d). Kandla Port Trust has prepared a Perspective Master Plan of Kandla Port for development upto the year 2020 A.D. The Port has constructed 7 cargo berths and 4 Nos. Oil Jetties. In addition, 2 Virtual Jetties have been constructed by I.O.C. and H.P.C. and M/s. IFFCO are constructing a captive liquid jetty. Tenders for 8th, 9th and 10 cargo berths have been issued. Construction of 7 more cargo berths and 4 more oil jetties in future can be considered depending upon the requirement.